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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3734

INFO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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AMEMBASSY WARSAW

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR VS

SUBJECT: SUCCESSOR TO CANANDA ON ICCS

REF: STATE 124173

1. UPON RECEIPT REFTTEL, I MET WITH LAM WHO STATED THAT AFTER OUR MEETING YESTERDAY HE HAD CONSULTED AT LENGTH WITH PRESIDENT THIEU. LAM SAID THE PRESIDENT WAS CONCERNED THAT MALAYSIA WOULD LACK SUFFICIENT CLOUT TO BE HELPFUL ON THE ICCS AND HAD INSTRUCTED LAM TO SEEK PARTICIPATION BY A COUNTRY OF GREATER INTERNATIONAL CONSEQUENCE. LAM ASKED ME WHETHER I THOUGHT THE UK OR FRANCE WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE.

2. I TOLD LAM THAT WASHINGTON BELIEVED WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH APPROACH TO MALAYSIANS AND THAT POSSIBILITY OF APPROACHING IRAN HAD BEEN REPORTED BY ME TO WASHINGTON AND WAS BEING CONSIDERED.

3. LAM HAD EARLIER MENTIONED TO NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR THAT HE WAS CONSIDERING UK AS A PROSPECT AND BRITISH AMBASSADOR HERE HAD ASKED ME TO POUR COLD WATER ON ANY THOUGHT THE GVN  
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MIGHT BE HARBORING OF HAVING THE UK JOIN THE ICCS. I THERE-  
FORE TOLD LAM THAT I DOUBTED THAT WITH THE TROUBLES IN IRELAND AND  
FOR VARIOUS REASONS THE UK WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE. I AGREED  
WITH LAM THAT GIVEN ITS ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN SOUTH VIET- NAM  
AND LONG ASSOCIATION WITH INDOCHINA FRANCE MIGHT BE A PROSPECT  
BUT I URGED THAT WE GET THE QUESTION OF MALAYSIA SETTLED ONCE  
AND FOR ALL.

4. LAM ASKED FOR A FEW DAYS STAY ON AN APPROACH TO KUALA  
LUMPUR. BEFORE WE WENT AHEAD THERE HE WANTED TO PUT OUT A  
DELICATE FEELER TOWARD FRANCE.

5. COMMENT: WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME THE GVN IS CLEARLY  
LESS AND LESS INTERESTED IN MALAYSIAN PARTICIPATION AND IS  
INCREASINGLY MINDFUL OF THE IMPORTANCE TO SOUTH VIET- NAM OF  
HAVING CANADA REPLACE BY A COUNTRY WITH REAL INTERNATIONAL  
STANDING AND ONE WHICH IS CLEARLY CAPABLE OF STANDING UP TO THE  
POLES AND THE HUNGARIANS.  
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